

***EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT***

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
2. Authorization for this Examiner's Amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Frank Liebenow (Reg. No. 48,688) on June 5, 2008.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 4 and 9.

Please amend claims 1, 5 and 10 as follow:

Claim 1. (currently amended) A method for converting Internet messages for publishing, the steps of the method comprising:

- a) providing at least one computer coupled to the Internet;
- b) providing a first message database on the at least one computer;
- c) posting a message on the first message database for access by users of the Internet;

- d) permitting the users of the Internet to respond to the first message by posting subsequent messages to the first message database on the at least one computer;
- e) providing a second message database on the at least one computer;
- f) providing a protocol for interfacing the first and second databases;
- g) establishing a set of rules for the protocol which permits the users of the Internet to retrieve specific messages from the first database;
- h) importing the retrieved specific messages from the first database to the second database by utilizing the interfacing protocol;
- i) editing the retrieved messages in the second database in a predefined structure; [[and]]
- j) outputting the predefined edited retrieved messages in a published format;
- k) establishing a hierarchy for the second database thereby permitting a single user to act as a moderator for controlling the steps of importing retrieved messages, editing retrieved messages and outputting the predefined edited retrieved messages; and
- l) permitting the moderator to give access to the steps of importing retrieved messages, editing retrieved messages and outputting the predefined edited retrieved messages to a user of the Internet at the discretion of the moderator.

Claim 5. (currently amended) The method of claim [[4]]1, further comprising the step of establishing a membership for the second database for all users of the Internet, the membership controlled by the moderator.

Claim 10. (currently amended) The method of claim [[4]]1, further comprising the step of providing a display menu accessible by the moderator for defining the rules of the protocol.

***Conclusion***

3. Any comments considering necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee.
  
4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jinsong Hu whose telephone number is (571) 272-3965. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00 AM - 5:30 PM.

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